

Fire Situation Report – March 20, 2015

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Oklahoma Forestry Services



PROTECTION AREA STATISTICS* for Reporting Period 0800 thru 0800, 003/19/15 thru 03/20/15

NE Area – No Activity

EC Area – No Activity

SE Area – No Activity

Large Fire Activity within the Protection Area:

No Activity

Large Fire Activity with OFS Response outside the Protection Area:

No Activity

OFS Prescribed Fire Activity:

No Activity

* Protection Area Statistics do not reflect local fire department's fire run information. Statistics are for the ODAFF-Forestry Services' fifteen county Fire Protection Area in eastern Oklahoma unless otherwise noted in the Discussion section of this report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS** from www.firereporting.ok.gov recorded on 03/19/15 thru 03/20/15

2 Fires Burned 21 acres (Cause: 1-Misc., 1-Campfire) Reporting Department(s): Jet VFD, Osage Cove FDA)

** - These statistics are from Fire Departments that have recorded their information on the Oklahoma, Forestry Services web-based Fire Reporting System. Totals do not reflect the total acres burned or total number of fires that have occurred in Oklahoma.

Statewide Discussion:

No significant fire control issues are anticipated in Oklahoma today. Most of the state has received wetting rains over the last twenty-four hours. Relative humidity values are not expected to dip below 35% (in the Panhandle) with most areas staying above 45%. Generally light winds and moderate temperatures will also limit fire danger potential today.

A drying trend will begin later today and carry through the weekend for northwest Oklahoma and parts of the northern tier of counties, but again generally light to light and variable winds will limit overall fire danger potential. Rain chances over southern tier counties will remain in place through the weekend, and most of central and eastern Oklahoma has received ample rainfall that will limit fire danger through the weekend.

Special Note to Public:

Firewise Friday... The Ready, Set, Go! Program teaches individuals who live in high risk wildfire areas and the wildland-urban-interface (WUI) how to best prepare themselves and their properties against fire threats.

- **Ready** – Preparing for the Fire Threat: Be Ready, Be Firewise. Take personal responsibility and prepare long before the threat of a wildfire so your home is ready in case of a fire. Create defensible space by clearing brush away from your home. Use fire-resistant landscaping and harden your home with fire-safe construction measures. Assemble emergency supplies and belongings in a safe spot. Make sure all residents residing within the home are on the same page, plan escape routes.
- **Set** – Situational Awareness When a Fire Starts: Pack your vehicle with your emergency items. Stay aware of the latest news from local media and your local fire department for updated information on the fire.
- **Go** – Leave early! Following your Action Plan makes you prepared and firefighters are now able to best maneuver the wildfire and ensuring you and your family's safety.

For more about the Ready, Set, Go! Program, please visit www.forestry.ok.gov/ready-set-go-program .

Remember... ONLY YOU can prevent wildfires! Enjoy Oklahoma's wildlands responsibly.

Report any suspicious wildland fire activity on the Arson Tip Line: 1-866-662-7766 (1-866-NO ARSON).

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